Destitutes and aged persons covered under NOAPS in Arunachal Pradesh

1497. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of destitutes and aged persons presently covered under the National Old Age Pension Scheme in the State of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) the number of old women who have been covered under the Scheme in the State;

(c) whether all the eligible old women in Arunachal Pradesh are getting old age pension;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Number of old destitutes to be covered in Arunachal Pradesh under National Old Age Pension Scheme during 1999-2000 is 6803 as per the fund allocated to the State for the year. The State has so far covered 2347 beneficiaries under the scheme.

(b) The number of women out of the total beneficiaries is 1325.

(c) to (e) The coverage of all eligible beneficiaries—men or women, depends on the identification carried out by the State Government within the numerical ceiling of beneficiaries. The Government have decided to launch another Scheme to be known as 'Annapurna Scheme' from April, 2000 to give 10 Kgs. of foodgrains per month free of cost through PDS to cover 20% of those old destitutes—male or female, who though eligible for old age pension under NOAPS are not getting it.